

Remarks

Claims 1- 12 are pending in the present application as of the mailing of the Office Action.

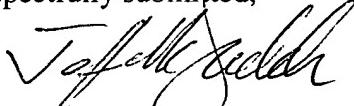
Claims 1 – 10 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 11 and 12 are amended. Claims 13 – 17 are added.

The Office Action objects to Claims 11 and 12 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claim 11 has been rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that this case is now in condition for an immediate allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. If any issue remains unresolved, Applicant's counsel would appreciate the opportunity for a telephone interview to expedite allowance.

Respectfully submitted,


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